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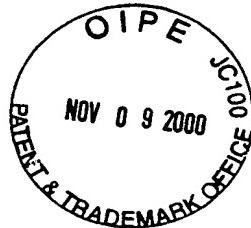
IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

**NOBORU MATSUDA ET AL** : EXAMINER:

SERIAL NO: **09/667,559** : GROUP:

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FOR: **POWER MOS TRANSISTOR HAVING TENCH GATE**



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 21 as follows:

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--21. (New) A semiconductor device comprising:

a first electrode gate group having a plurality of gate electrodes formed on a semiconductor substrate to be away from each other at first equal spacings;

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a source contact having a portion formed separated from a first gate electrode of the first electrode gate group by a second spacing different from the first spacing; and source regions for electrically interconnecting the first gate electrode group and the source contact.--

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Transmitted herewith is an **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement submitted herewith.

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>MINUS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>× \$18 =</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
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		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			<b>+ \$270 =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
					<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>	<b>\$98.00</b>
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					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$98.00</b>

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